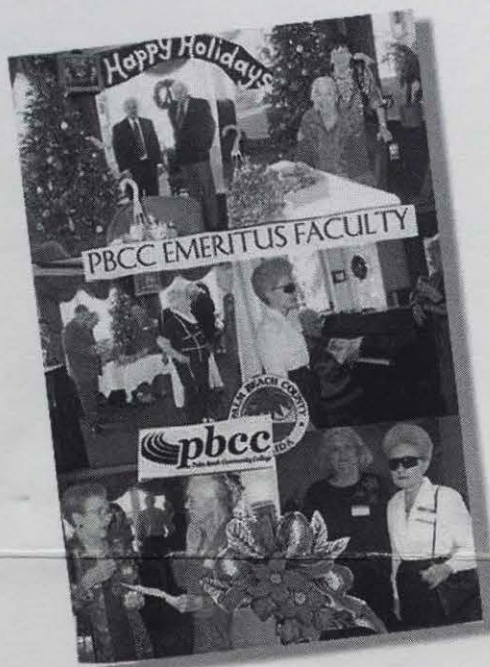


PBCC EMERITUS FACULTY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Joan Young, Editor

Message from the President ...*Bill Wilson*



Forty-six members and friends enjoyed the EFA Holiday Party on December 3 at the Atlantis Country Club. The event was most festive with the Palm Room attractively adorned in Christmas decor, the wassail bowl replenished often, really good food, and great gifts for all. Most of us left with at least a couple of treasures from the gift exchange and the drawings for door prizes. **Ruth Graham** again graciously agreed to play Christmas carols and tunes on the piano for our listening and singing pleasure. Everyone enjoyed the festivities so much that we immediately made reservations to do it all again on December 2, 2005! Mark your calendars and save that date to be there.

The hurricane season of 2004 was not kind to us at all. We were scheduled to go to Captiva (Sanibel/ Captiva Island) on August 16 for several days of shelling and fishing at the cottage facing Pine Island Sound. But on August 13 Hurricane Charley jogged to the right and devastated the island! October 9 was the start of the *USS Coral Sea* reunion in Mobile, AL, but Hurricane Ivan arrived and destroyed roads and bridges in the Florida Panhandle, so we were not able to get through to Mobile!

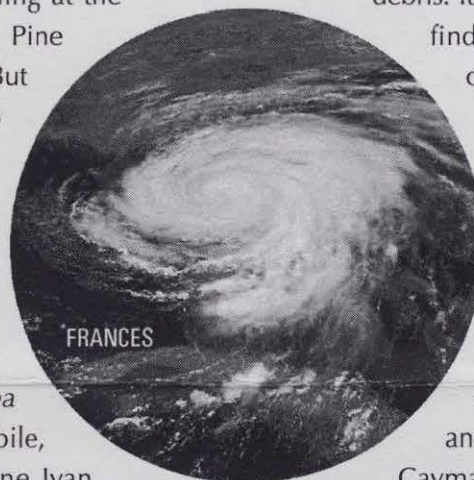
Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne came right over us. We had some property damage—not as much as many. Some, waiting for repairs, still have blue tarps on their roofs. We learned to live in the dark (power was out for days), make coffee and soup on our emergency Sterno camping stove, wait in FEMA lines for ice and water and MRE's (Meals Ready-to-Eat) if they had any, and try to drive on debris-covered roads with no traffic signals working.

With Frances we did gain something. A young stray cat came to Rosalie's. Someone apparently dumped her, because she is a nice, smart cat. Just

after Jeanne hit us, she disappeared for a day and then popped back in, much thinner than she had been. She had birthed kittens under a big pile of storm debris. It took us three weeks to find them and dig them out—four in all. They are now weaned. We placed two of them in good homes. We have a Himalayan who is getting old. We are keeping two, so they can keep each other company and dream up mischief.

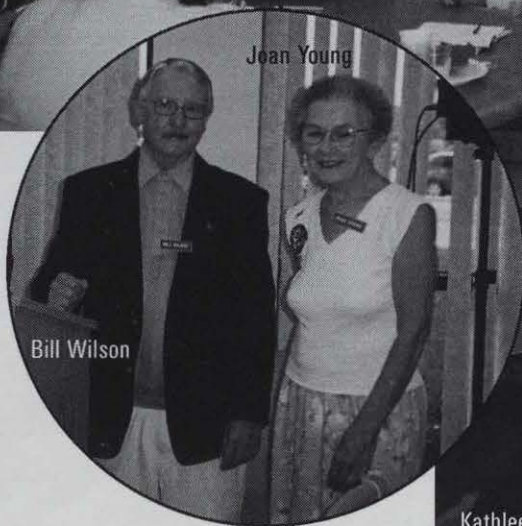
Cayman is not happy with them, but she is hissing and growling less at them. The Mama cat still stays outside. Next week she goes to the vet for shots and spaying. So we have a cat farm, it seems.

We hope never to go through such a season again—not even one hurricane!



HOW DID CHARLEY, FRANCES, IVAN, AND JEANNE TREAT YOU?

Do you have some hurricane stories you can share with us all? Do you have some pictures of the hurricanes' aftermaths? Send it all to **Joan Young** for our next newsletter.



News of members

At the October *USS Coral Sea* reunion, our president **Bill Wilson** was re-elected to a three-year term on the Scholarship Committee. He was on the founding committee to establish the scholarship. It took over two years to write the rules and regulations and get everything approved by the membership ("a tough task," he says). At that point he was elected to a two-year term as a judge and now is serving this three-year term. There are three judges who determine the winning applicants—one from New York, one from Oklahoma, and one from Florida.

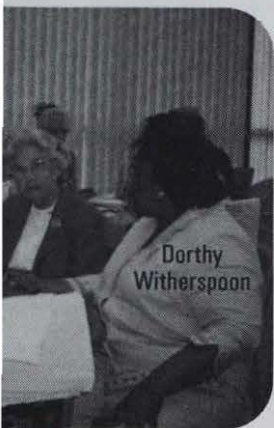
Here is news from the **Bussells**, Joyce and **Jan**, in their own words:

"We have had a very eventful summer and fall. First, Jan finished his second airplane in May 2004 and began using it to give transition training in August.

Then the hurricanes came blowing through Okeechobee with Charlie causing little or no fuss and the two-punch duo Frances and Jean causing \$15,000.00 in property damage to our combined homes. Jan has just finished rebuilding and repairing the majority of damage with just one roof left needing shingles. I am proud to say that none of my construction was damaged by either storm, including screens. Fortunately both planes were undamaged, although half the hangar roof metal had to be replaced.

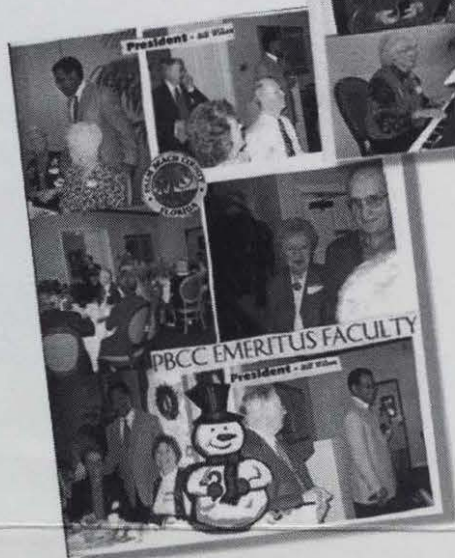
"We took a break from a busy flying and construction schedule to go to China for 9 days, including Thanksgiving. The Great Wall is most impressive, especially when you consider the very mountainous terrain some of it is built on and the coolie labor force that built all 4,500 miles of

it. We were impressed. Our tour centered on Beijing and Shanghai and the surrounding sites. Boy! There are a lot of people in China, and they all want to work and make money and live like we do. Look out, world! There is an economy that is just waiting to compete. The government owns all land and leases it to individuals and companies. Private condominiums are allowed with 70-year land leases. My question about what happens in 70 years still has 50 years to go for an answer. The people were pleasant, if somewhat pushy, and the cities were litter-free but grimy. Smog was abundant at times, and cars are more common than I would have believed. They have some real ecological challenges due to shortages of clean water and pollution from coal-fueled fires and automobiles.



Dorothy
Witherspoon

Holiday pages from Rosalie Morrissey's EFA Scrapbook



*Thanks to
Rosalie Morrissey
and
Joan Young
for their photos*

"We are going on a 15-day cruise from San Diego to Hawaii in March and will let you know how that trip turns out when we meet in May."

Joan Young is still very active with FACC (Florida Association of Community Colleges). She was elected Secretary of the FACC Chapter at PBCC and was a delegate to the FACC state-wide convention in Tampa last November. Joan also continues to participate in bowling leagues twice a week as she has for years, but says that her scores don't improve with the years as they should!

Marjorie Toomath and her husband went camping at Big Cypress at the Indian Reservation. She says it was great and more spaces will be added to the camp site soon. They will be going to Perry, GA, in March for the

Southeastern Motor Home Rally. Over 7,000 RVs will be there. They also are rejoicing in the birth of their first great grandson!

John and **Sunny Meyer** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mediterranean cruise last October. They say it was wonderful—visiting Greece, Malta, Minorca, Italy, France, and Spain.

Adele Shapiro explains that she is not able to attend meetings because she has been re-employed at PBCC as a full-time learning specialist in math on the Boca Raton Campus.

It was reported at the last meeting of EFA (in October) that **Frank Saunders** was residing in Arbor Oaks on Lake Worth Road with assisted living.

(Since this report Frank Saunders has passed away)



MEETINGS IN 2005

The meeting dates for 2005 have been set as follows, depending, of course, on College priorities:

Friday, May 6, 2005

Friday, October 21, 2005

Places for both meetings are yet to be determined, but they will be some where on the Lake Worth Campus. At the May meeting, we will elect officers for 2006. Please consider running for office.

At both meetings, we will enjoy a featured speaker or presentation. If you have an idea for a good speaker or program, please contact someone on the Program Committee:

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**Let's all of us try to be
present.**

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MEETING IN OCTOBER

Sondra Robie, Senior Relations Specialist for Palm Tran, gave a very informative and entertaining talk at the last meeting of the EFA on October 29, 2004. (See article below for some details.) She distributed brochures and schedules and gave away several prizes, including passes to Palm Tran, passes to TriRail, a poncho, and a fanny pack.

Mary Bosworth was the winner of the drawing for the \$50 gift certificate for Atlantis Country Club.



It's not too early to mark your calendars for our **Holiday Party at Atlantis Country Club, Friday, December 2, 2005, 11:00 AM.** The Holiday Party is a great opportunity to enjoy the company of friends and colleagues, have good food, and get some great gifts. We now hand out some door prizes in addition to the customary gift exchange.

LAURA COLLINS (1928-2004)

We are sad to report the death of Laura Collins, who taught at Palm Beach Community College for 22 years, retiring in 1994. She died on October 18, 2004, after a long illness. During her career she published a critical study of the English novelist, Angela Thirkell. Laura is survived by her husband, Robert Collins, who resides in Boca Raton, and a daughter, who resides in Kentucky.

If you would like to request that a sympathy or get-well card be sent to a member, contact:

HELEN DARCEY

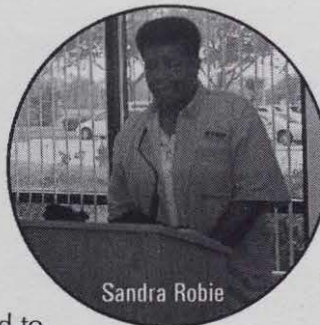
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SOME INFO ABOUT PALM TRAN & TRIRAIL

Some things we learned at the October meeting from Sandra Robie about Palm Beach County's **Palm Tran** bus system and the **TriRail** train system:

1. Palm Tran's usual fare of \$1.25 a trip is reduced to \$.60 a trip for anyone over 65 years of age or anyone with a disability or anyone on Medicare or any student 21 years old or younger.
2. Palm Tran CONNECTION is a shared ride, door-to-door service (doctors' appointments, airports, church, shopping) for individuals who qualify by age (85 or older) or disability and those on Medicaid and Palm Tran has fixed bus routes from certain other individuals.
3. All Palm Tran buses have front-door wheelchair ramps and bicycle racks.
4. Palm Tran group trips can be arranged and will be accompanied by Sondra Robie. These can be coordinated with TriRail, if the group wishes to go out of the county.

For more information, call 841-4343.



Sandra Robie

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